



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Liberty Middle
Pickens
Grades: 5-8 Enrollment: 680
Principal: Donivan Edwards
Superintendent: Dr. Henry Hunt
Board Chair: Jim Shelton

PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD | | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | | | General Performance | Closing the Gap | | |
| 2009 | Average | Average | TBD | TBD | Not Met | N/A |
| 2008 | Below Average | At-Risk | N/A | N/A | Not Met | N/A |
| 2007 | Below Average | At-Risk | N/A | N/A | Not Met | N/A |

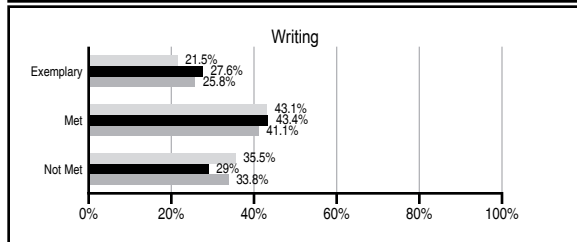
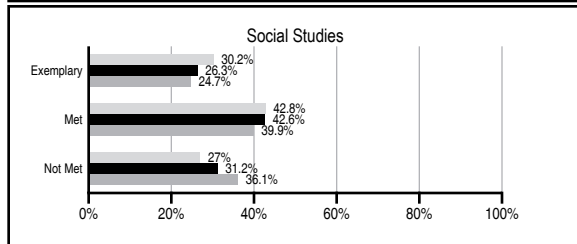
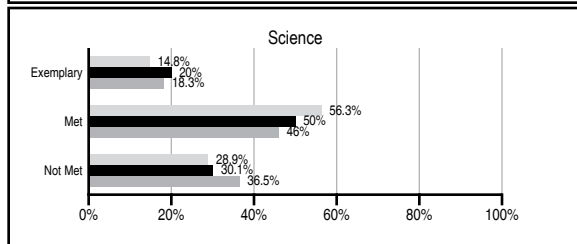
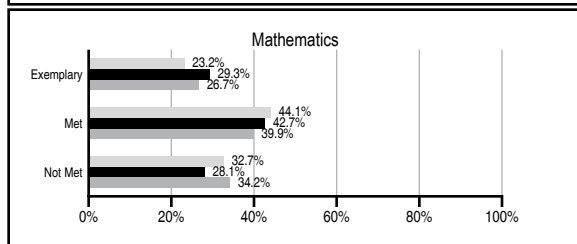
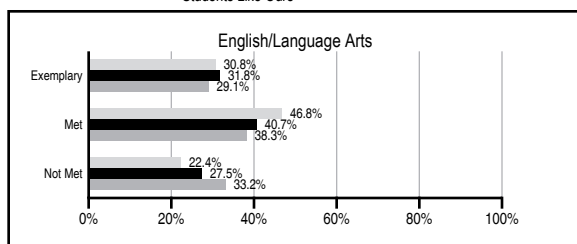
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 0 | 6 | 44 | 2 | 0 |

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 8 (2007)

| | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina | 31 | 44 | 23 | 2 |
| Nation | 27 | 43 | 27 | 2 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced | | | | |

MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)

| | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina | 29 | 39 | 24 | 7 |
| Nation | 30 | 39 | 24 | 7 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced | | | | |

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

| | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina | 46 | 31 | 21 | 2 |
| Nation | 43 | 30 | 24 | 3 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced | | | | |

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

| % of students scoring 70 or above on: | Our Middle School | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 88.4 | 96.8 |
| English 1 | 97.8 | 94.3 |
| Physical Science | N/A | 77.4 |
| US History and the Constitution | N/A | N/A |
| All Subjects | 93.2 | 96.2 |

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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Liberty Middle [Pickens]

SCHOOL PROFILE

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Middle School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Students (n=680) | | | | |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8) | 33.1% | N/R | 21.5% | 21.6% |
| Retention rate | 1.3% | Down from 1.5% | 1.2% | 1.2% |
| Attendance rate | 96.1% | Down from 96.2% | 96.0% | 95.9% |
| Eligible for gifted and talented | 18.6% | Up from 18.3% | 17.4% | 14.8% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 12.7% | Up from 12.6% | 14.1% | 12.6% |
| Older than usual for grade | 3.1% | Down from 4.1% | 2.2% | 2.5% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 1.6% | Up from 0.0% | 0.7% | 0.6% |
| Annual dropout rate | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers (n=47) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 57.4% | Up from 45.7% | 58.1% | 56.9% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 78.7% | Up from 76.1% | 76.8% | 72.7% |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates | 5.0% | Up from 2.9% | 3.6% | 5.3% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 88.0% | Up from 84.4% | 85.4% | 82.9% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 96.4% | Up from 96.0% | 95.4% | 95.2% |
| Average teacher salary* | \$45,116 | Up 6.3% | \$47,312 | \$46,599 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 1.6% | Down from 2.1% | 0.2% | 2.4% |
| Professional development days/teacher | 10.8 days | Up from 8.7 days | 11.7 days | 10.8 days |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 4.0 | Up from 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 20.9 to 1 | Down from 21.2 to 1 | 21.1 to 1 | 20.1 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 90.4% | Down from 90.5% | 90.4% | 89.9% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Excellent | Up from Good | Good | Good |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Parents attending conferences | 100.0% | No Change | 98.0% | 97.8% |
| Character development program | Excellent | Up from Good | Good | Good |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | \$7,111 | Up 4.7% | \$7,387 | \$7,645 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 57.7% | Down from 61.0% | 63.1% | 63.4% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries** | 55.0% | Down from 55.5% | 58.4% | 57.0% |
| % of AYP objectives met | 95.2% | Up from 57.1% | 91.3% | 90.5% |

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 30 | 146 | 40 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 66.7% | 64.8% | 59.0% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 46.7% | 61.4% | 50.0% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 53.3% | 76.0% | 59.0% |

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2008-2009 school year was an exciting one for Liberty Middle School. We continued our tradition of outstanding performances in the classroom, athletic field and concert hall. Parental involvement and volunteer hours increased as well.

Our fifth grade was the focus of two new programs this year. Single-classes were added and a fifth grade chorus was begun. Both of these were highly successful and helped ease the transition for our students.

In 2009-2010 we will be participating in the "Making Middle Grades Work" program. This is a comprehensive program in which our school will utilize the recognized best practices in middle-level education. This represents a dedication of our faculty and staff to constant improvement.

At Liberty Middle School we are striving for academic improvement. To meet our goals we need the support of everyone in the Liberty community. Please help us in our quest to be the best!

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